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FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS



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**"Our hope is...that 10, 15, 20 years from now, when you've all gone on to be ministers in government, or leaders in business, or pioneers of social change, that you'll still be connecting with each other, that you'll still be learning from each other, and that together, you'll be reaching back and helping the next generation."** PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, Town Hall with Mandela Washington Fellows, 08.15

**The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders**, the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), empowers young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa through academic coursework, leadership training, and networking opportunities. The Fellowship provides these outstanding young leaders with the opportunity to hone their skills at a U.S. institution of higher education, with support for professional development after they return home.

The Fellows, who are between the ages of 25 and 35, represent the diversity of Africa and have established records of accomplishment in their organizations, communities, and countries. Because of the high demand for and success of the program, the Fellowship is doubling in 2016 to include 1,000 Fellows.

### U.S.-BASED ACTIVITIES

#### Academic and Leadership Institutes

Each Mandela Washington Fellow takes part in a six-week academic and leadership institute at a U.S. university or college in one of three tracks: Business and Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership, or Public Management. New in 2016 will be a specialized Institute on Energy.

#### Presidential Summit

Following the academic residency of the Fellowship, the Fellows visit Washington, D.C., for a Presidential Summit featuring a Town Hall with President Obama and networking and panel discussions with U.S. leaders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

#### Professional Development Experience

Up to 100 competitively-selected Fellows remain in the United States after the Presidential Summit to participate in individually tailored six-week professional development experiences at U.S. non-governmental organizations, private companies, and government agencies.

### AFRICA-BASED ACTIVITIES

Upon returning to their home countries, Fellows continue to build their leadership skills through support from U.S. embassies and programming from USAID and affiliated partners. Activities include regional conferences, professional practicum experiences, and mentoring and networking opportunities.

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